

REMARKS

Claims 1 through 37 are in the application, with Claims 1, 7, 18 and 27 being independent. No new matter has been added. Reconsideration and further examination are respectfully requested.

Claims 1 through 37 stand rejected for obviousness-type double patenting in view of Claims 1 through 68 of U.S. Patent No. 6,700,690. Although the propriety of this rejection is not conceded, Applicants submit herewith a Terminal Disclaimer to obviate the rejection. Also enclosed is a suitably-executed Statement Under 37 C.F.R. §3.73(b) establishing the right of the Assignee to act in the application. Withdrawal of the outstanding double patenting rejection is therefore respectfully requested.

As no other rejections remain outstanding, Claims 1 through 37 are believed to be in condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request allowance of the pending claims. If any issues remain, or if the Examiner has any further suggestions for expediting allowance of the present application, the Examiner is kindly invited to contact the undersigned via telephone at (650) 943-7554.

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